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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 11 and 14 remain in this application. Claims 12, 13, and 15 through 20 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 21 through 27 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

The drawings have been objected to.

Submitted with this Amendment is a sheet of drawings with Figure 1 thereon representing applicant's proposed amendment of the drawing. Specifically, in Figure 1, reference numbers "2" and "40" have been added.

In light of the proposed drawing amendment, it is therefore submitted that the objection to the drawings as originally filed has been overcome, and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 5, 11, 16 through 18, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sirvent.

Claims 12 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sirvent in view of Foerster.

Claims 6 through 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sirvent in view of Ritter.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claims 12 and 13, which was indicated in the Office Action as being allowable over

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the prior art, and therefore claim 1, as well as the claims that depend from claim 1, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

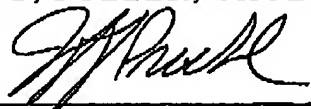
Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 11 and 14 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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